



Exercise comes to Close

By 1st Lt. Mary Olsen
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

A three-week long, multi-service exercise involving more than 180 people from Whiteman Air Force Base and other military installations concluded here Thursday.

Members from Whiteman and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency spent more than a year planning for Mighty Guardian IX, a security exercise in support of a Department of Defense program that assesses the security policies governing protection U.S. military resources.

"The purpose of this exercise was to allow military members to share and develop security procedures to ensure the safety and security of military assets," said U.S. Army Lt. Col. John Bogdan, Mighty

Guardian exercise director.

This exercise was the ninth in a series of exercises which began in the mid 1990s. The locations change, but all are designed to assess and strengthen procedures that could be used in other DoD locations.

"The important thing about this exercise is that it's not service-specific," Colonel Bogdan said. "This unique exercise gives the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines a chance to work together and take a good look at how DoD develops and implements its security policies."

Colonel Bogdan said these exercises are conducted in realistic environments under realistic circumstances to ensure our forces are provided the policy guidance and resources required to maintain the

highest levels of readiness. "This will allow us to evaluate policy to better ensure our troops are prepared for any mission," he said.

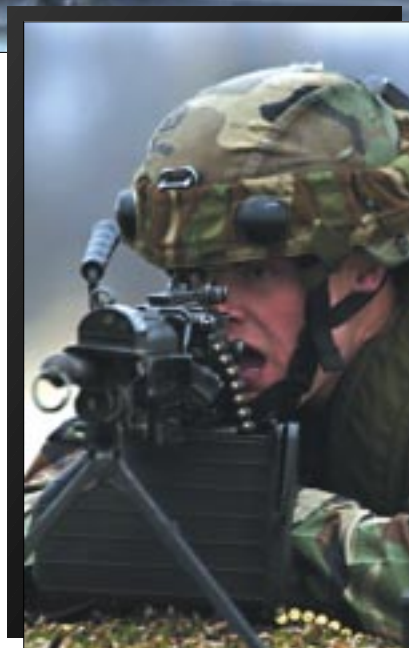
Brig. Gen. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, said these types of important exercises can only take place with a total team effort between all the visiting services and members of Team Whiteman.

"I'm very proud of the hard work that Team Whiteman and our visitors did to make this exercise a success—there were a great number of moving parts and everyone was thinking and working hard to make it happen," General Miller said. "Our base came through and provided the joint exercise team the data they needed to improve DoD security. I'm proud of all who played a part!"



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Adrian Cadiz

Above: Airman 1st Class Michael Bermudez, 509th Security Forces Squadron, concentrates on his target as he looks through the scope of his M-4 Carbine during Mighty Guardian IX.



Left: Airman Devin Bos, 509th SFS, yells for back up as he fires his weapon during the Mighty Guardian IX exercise.



CMSAF tours Whiteman

Prepares Airmen for future

By Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray visited Whiteman Tuesday - Wednesday to convey his appreciation to the Airmen, as well as focus them on being combat ready.

"I want to thank the Airmen for their service, and for what they're doing," Chief Murray said. "I want to

keep our force focused on the war we fight, which is the Global War on Terror, and to keep our readiness high in preparation of our nation's defense and the possibilities that may come in the future."

Chief Murray, the 14th CMSAF, was appointed to the position in July 2002. He serves as personal adviser to the chief of staff and the secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the enlisted force.

During his visit, the chief discussed the Air Force's most valuable asset -- its people. "Our capabilities exist through our people and keeping our force ready is very important," he said. "I want to help our Airmen understand that we are performing missions today that are very different than we performed in the past, especially in the combat support part of our force."

The chief also said that we must help our Airmen recognize that we have been at war for the past 15 years and we are protecting our air and space power with the oldest fleet of aircraft in the history of the Air Force.

Airmen today are taking part in evolving missions such as vehicle operations, convoy operations, prison detainee work and training teams working with Iraqi and Afghanistan forces to help build these nations into stable democracies.

Chief Murray said it's key to help our Airmen understand the importance of what we're doing and why we're doing it.

"It's going to require demands of our people in different ways. Some of these people are going to require weeks and months of pre-deployed training before they go in," he said. "Our Airmen must be prepared to be combat expeditionary Airmen. They have to ensure they are ready to go in a moment's notice."

While his retirement is on the horizon, there are still objectives the chief said he looks to accomplish. One of those objectives is finalizing an instruction for the Order of the Sword, which is a ceremony that recognizes deserving leaders with the highest enlisted honor.

Chief Murray said although he is leaving the service, he keeps in his heart the phrase 'Once an Airman always an Airman.'

"I am proud of the enlisted force, and honored that I have been afforded to lead, and more importantly, represent the greatest enlisted force in the world, one that is clearly demonstrated here on Whiteman."

The Boiling Springs, N.C., native who entered the Air Force in Oct. 1977, said he looks forward to spending more time with his wife and three children when he retires.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray talks to Whiteman members at an enlisted all call Tuesday at Mission's End.

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Air Force Quiz

What is the purpose of operations security?

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To eliminate (or reduce to an acceptable level) the vulnerability of friendly information to adversary exploitation.

Air Force Quiz answer

By Brig. Gen. Chris Miller
 509th Bomb Wing commander

Mighty Guardians needed

More than a year's worth of planning went into the preparation and execution of the Mighty Guardian exercise that concluded this week.

Our security forces squadron was in the middle of it—and did great!—but all of Team Whiteman worked hard to pull the exercise together and show hospitality to all our visiting participants.

Once again you've demonstrated Whiteman's warfighting capabilities! In recognition of our team's outstanding efforts, you're all invited to Mission's End today at noon for a burger burn and special presentations. Well done!

A lost wingman

Early this week we lost a friend and member of our Air Force team.

The death of Tech. Sgt. John White, a valued Airman of the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, is a blow to all of us, and we will miss him.

I'm proud of how his squadron and others have responded to his passing, and it's important that we rally together to support each other during this tough time for his

family and fellow Airmen.

As each of us deals with grief and stress, it's important to remember that none of us are alone—there is always someone to reach out to—and always someone who needs our help.

There will be a memorial service at the base chapel today at 10 a.m. for all who wish to honor him and support his family.

Preparation is more than your mobility folder

As the wing remains focused on expeditionary operations, it's important to remember the foundation for mission success—your personal “base for operations.”

That's your family and close friends. Just like Airmen who go overseas in support of worldwide operations, our loved ones make a significant contribution to the mission by keeping things on track here at home.

It is truly important to make sure those we leave behind are ready for deployment. Many of the things you do to prepare—shots, training, updating personnel records, power of attorney, etc.—are mission-critical, and the Air Force helps make sure they get done.

But it's just as important to make sure your family is ready and you “transfer aircraft control” of all the details of run-



WHO'S YOUR WINGMAN?

Every Airman should have a wingman; every Airman should be a wingman.

If you need a wingman, reach out to a friend, a base chaplain, life skills counselors or the people at 1-800-784-2433.



ning your household—so you can concentrate on getting the job done “over there.”

Airpower is people power

The past month has been extremely busy for the 509th team.

Although we didn't meet March's flying-hour goals, I'm very proud of the hard work you displayed during a month of adverse weather and operational obstacles.

We won't take a goal day because we didn't make our

goal—but the effort you made was right on target.

You all understand that it takes everyone—working together—to make airpower happen!

Regardless of your Air Force Specialty Code, when a B-2 lifts off, you had a part in making it happen.

Next week, I'll expand on that concept ... because I believe it deeply ... each of you play a concrete, essential role in the “team sport” of generating combat power for our Air Force and for our Nation.

I report to my boss, I work for my people

By Maj. Theresa Humphrey
 355th Maintenance Operations Squadron commander

I report to my boss, but I work for my people. Before you think, “I wouldn't have said that if I were her,” hear me out.

This phrase is about taking care of people and being a selfless leader. When I walk through my door every morning, I'm not thinking about what I can do to impress my boss but what I can do to help my people.

Does it mean my boss doesn't matter? Of course not! I am still responsible to him, I still answer to him and I still need to keep him informed.

However, I don't exert all of my energy on him. I save it for my people. I take care of them, they take care of me and I can take care of my boss.

So what does it mean when I say “I work for my people?”

It means that whenever I do anything, it is to help them out. When I review enlisted performance reports and officer performance reports, I put an equal amount of time and effort into all of them no matter what the ratee's rank.

When I review award packages, I make sure it is the best submission possible and we are recognizing the right people.

When I discipline people, I make sure

it is fair, equitable and appropriate. I set standards and expect my people to follow them.

When people want to talk, I make time for them and listen to what they have to say. I speak my mind even if I don't tell them what they want to hear.

I try to make things fun, even commander's calls and staff meetings. I give people honest feedback and I take theirs in return.

I let them know what I expect, when they've done well, when they haven't quite hit the mark and what they need to do to improve.

I let people do their jobs and trust them until they give me a reason not to.

Most importantly, I genuinely care about their well being and try to convey that in everything I do. The minute this seems phony, I lose credibility.

Now, about my boss. Don't get me wrong; My boss is very important and I don't mean to belittle him in any way.

After all, he signs my report and if he really wanted to he could make my life miserable. My point is I do not show up to work every day trying to impress him.

The energy I spend doing that takes away from the energy I could be spending

helping my people succeed.

If I take care of my people, they will get the job done, and the more professionally satisfied they are, the better they will perform. The better they perform, the better I am fulfilling my responsibilities to my boss.

They are taking care of me by enabling me to take care of my boss. If my boss

notices, that's great! If not, my reward is in knowing my people are taken care of, motivated to show up to work every day and doing their best.

To me, all the recognition in the world is worthless if I am making my people

miserable in the process.

Maybe it just boils down to priorities. I feel an effective leader thinks “people first,” not “me first.”

Good leaders take care of their people because they know their people will take care of them. When their people take care of them, leaders can take care of their bosses.

Good bosses will see this quality and in turn take care of the leader. Pretty neat how that all works out!

Selfless leadership has worked for me. Maybe it will work for you!

Newsline

Death announcement

Brig. Gen. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, regrettably announces the death of Tech. Sgt. John A. White, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to Sergeant White's estate should call 1st Lt. Howard Fullmer, 509th LRS summary court officer, at 687-4038.

There will be a memorial service for Sergeant White today at 10 a.m. at the chapel.

ALS graduates 27 future NCOs

Twenty-seven senior airmen graduated from the Whiteman Airman Leadership School Class 06-D during a ceremony Thursday at Mission's End.

Award winners are:

Kimberley White, 509th Munitions Squadron, John L. Levitow Award and Leadership Award

Ruben Zamora, 509th Maintenance Squadron, Distinguished Graduate

Seth Wilson, 509th Communications Squadron, Distinguished Graduate and Academic Achievement Award

The other graduates are:

Keola Baclayon, Mark Owens, Jack Pyle, Stephen Lang and Timothy Sullivan, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Thomas Dec, Lacey Hill, Christopher Ellis, Rachel Hoyt, Jennifer Moran and Joshua Wynn, 509th MXS

Jeffrey Fluck and John Kinsella, 509th Security Forces Squadron

Daniel Endris, Aaron Ford and Lemetric Wadley, 509th Operations Support Squadron

George Keen, Jr. and Aneika Munoz, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Joshua Miller, Kevin Williams and Joshua Leonhart, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron

Jennifer Stewart, 509th MUNS

Keith Chase, Jr., 509th Medical Support Squadron

Bryan Taggart, 509th Maintenance Group

Women's self defense class

The Sedalia Police Department is scheduled to conduct a Women's Sexual Assault Rape Prevention class from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 14 at the family support center.

Participants are encouraged to wear loose clothing as the class will include practice of self-defense techniques.

To register, contact Ann Beem via email at ann.beem@whiteman.af.mil. Space is limited.

Update on Montgomery GI Bill erroneous deduction

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service, in partnership with the Air Force Personnel Center, are correcting the Montgomery GI Bill computer problem. Refunds will be made for erroneous collections (\$100 less taxes) and are expected to be paid in the April mid-month pay.

Within the next 60 days, the base training and education service office will contact those affected to check MGIB eligibility and have them complete a DD Form 2366 to formally document their election choice, if found eligible. If you have additional questions or have not been contacted within 60 days, notify your servicing BTES or your major command education and training representative.

Exercise wrap-up party

Brig. Gen. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, invites members of Team Whiteman to Mission's End today at Noon, to celebrate the completion of the Mighty Guardian exercise. General Miller will make special presentations and there will be free food.

442nd FW wins Hawgsmoke '06 competition

By Maj. David Kurlle

442nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

In what is the Air Force's version of the Olympic Games for A-10 pilots, the 442nd Fighter Wing's 303rd Fighter Squadron emerged as the gold-medal winner after competing against 19 other squadrons from around the world at "Hawgsmoke '06" over the Arizona desert.

Four of the Air Force Reserve squadron's pilots competed in the event, held every two years to test the mettle of A-10 operators and their lead-spitting, bomb-dropping, close-air-support aircraft.

Lt. Col. Ronald Hanks, Lt. Col. James Mackey, Maj. Stephen Nester and Capt. Brian Leiter were selected to represent the 303rd FS at the competition and brought the title of Hawgsmoke champions to the 442nd FW at Whiteman despite having to fly A-10s belonging to another unit because their own aircraft are being prepared for an overseas deployment.

"We had a good, solid tactical plan that led us through and the guys were all able to execute as planned," said Colonel Hanks, the 303rd FS active-duty flight commander and flight lead for the Hawgsmoke team. "The fact we won means this squadron has a lot of talent."

This year's "A-10 Olympics" were held at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., and featured a four-part tactical event pilots complete in a single sortie of just under two hours flying a four-aircraft formation.

"This is an outstanding testament to the training and skill of the pilots in the 303rd Fighter Squadron," said Col. Patrick Cord, 442nd FW commander. "By being named an Air Force outstanding unit earlier this year we proved we are one of the best at supporting the A-10's mission, and now by winning Hawgsmoke, we have proved we are the best at executing the A-10's mission."

The competition is dubbed Hawgsmoke because the A-10 is referred to as the "Warthog" by its pilots and maintainers. The "smoke" is a reference to an Air Force competition to test aerial dog-fighting skills

known as "Gunsmoke."

"They purposely wanted to build a realistic tactical situation," Colonel Hanks said. "The challenge was the time constraint, we were one of the few units to do it and do it well."

The four parts of the contest tested pilots' skill in long-range strafing, manual bombing, low-angle strafing and employing the AGM-65 "Maverick," air-to-ground missile.

Two minutes prior to their scheduled time to enter the range, the pilots were instructed to open one of the four envelopes, which provides the coordinates where four vehicles were last seen on the ground and the direction they were heading.

The four pilots then had five minutes to acquire the four targets, set up for their attack and to simulate using the A-10's 30-millimeter cannon to take them out, all while flying according to strict tactical guidance to avoid ground and air threats, such as using hills and other terrain to mask their movements.

"The judges said we were the only unit to execute the tactical portion effectively," Colonel Hanks said.

After a successful strafing run it was on to the bombing event. Each aircraft dropped six BDU-33 practice bombs on fixed ground targets within a 20-minute time limit using only manual bombing techniques by turning off the A-10's targeting computer.

"Most of this competition was based on old-style manual bombing, like they did in Vietnam," Colonel Hanks said. "It's like using fixed sights on a rifle instead of a scope with a laser sight. It reduces bombing to pure pilot skill."

The third event was firing actual 30-millimeter rounds at a fixed ground target while flying at 200-feet above the ground, followed by the fourth event: the simulated launch of Maverick missiles at moving vehicles within a 5-minute time limit.

When the scores were tallied, the four pilots placed first overall and were the first place tactical team and second place Maverick team. Colonel Hanks personally finished second in level bombing and also placed second as the overall individual pilot.



Courtesy photo

Lt. Col. Ronald Hanks, left, the flight lead for the 303rd Fighter Squadron's Hawgsmoke team for 2006, talks with crew chief, Senior Airman Steve Powell, at an exercise at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., in May 2005. Colonel Hanks, along with team mates Lt. Col. James Mackey, Maj. Stephen Nester and Capt. Brian Leiter, brought the title of Hawgsmoke champions to the 442nd Fighter Wing at Whiteman AFB, Mo.

"When we finished, we knew we had a solid performance," he said. "By the time we got the final announcement, I had such a stack of awards on my desk; I was kind of thinking we would be a player for the overall award."

The fruits of victory also include the obligation to host the next Hawgsmoke competition scheduled for 2008.

The 303rd Fighter Squadron is looking at hosting the event either at Whiteman or in Salina, Kan., said Lt. Col. John Hoff, the 303rd FS commander.

As the 303rd prepares for actual combat operations with an overseas deployment scheduled for this summer, the victory at Hawgsmoke confirms that the Air Force Reserve squadron has been training well, according to Colonel Hanks.

"The same talent, drive and dedication that served us well for Hawgsmoke will serve us well on our upcoming deployment," he said.

Recent law requires addition to emergency data card

Airmen must designate one immediate family member as the person authorized to direct disposition of their remains should they become a casualty.

The PADD designation will become a part of the member's Record of Emergency Data as required by law.

Most Airmen will add their PADD information to their virtual Record of Emergency Data by following the instructions in the Virtual MPF. Personnel at deployed locations need to contact their personnel support for contingency operations team to update their record.

Organizations using the DD Form 93 or the United States Air Force Academy Form 0-143 to record emergency data must ensure Airmen are briefed on this new requirement and designate their PADD in the remarks section.

PADD information should include

the designated person's name, relationship to member, address with zip code and telephone number.

The PADD will be responsible for the disposition of remains only. The member is still required to designate separately the recipient(s) of any other benefits and entitlements.

Airmen, identified by the last digit in their Social Security Number, must update their records by the following dates:

- 2 – today to Monday
- 3 – Tuesday to April 14
- 4 – April 15 to 19
- 5 – April 20 to 24
- 6 – April 25 to 28
- 7 – April 29 to May 3
- 8 – May 4 to 9
- 9 – May 10 to 15
- 0 – May 16 to 22

For more information or for questions concerning the PADD designation, call the Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775.

Outstanding CDC
end of course scores

Five Airmen who earned outstanding career development course test results were recognized at a ceremony Monday at Mission's End. They are:

90 — Staff Sgt. Tze Lai,
509th Services Squadron

Airman 1st —
Class Kathryn Thompson,
509th Medical Support
Squadron

Senior Airman Kevin —
Coughlin, 13th Bomb Squadron

96 — Senior Airman Chris
Ellis, 509th Maintenance
Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey —
Shields, 13th Bomb
Squadron

91

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Record AFAF campaign run at Whiteman

By 1st Lt. Nathan Johnson

509th Medical Support Squadron

Whiteman's portion of the 2006 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign ended March 26.

The drive was a success, setting new records in dollars given and donor participation.

The campaign started with two goals in mind: raise \$52,151 and achieve a 50-percent participation rate. Whiteman's previous records were \$58K raised and 23-percent participation. This year, both records were smashed, setting a new bar for future campaigns. Your contributions totaled more than \$75,500 and 40 percent of the base participated.

One incentive driving participation this year was the weekly "squadron of the week" competition. Needless to say, friendly competition can spur people to do a lot of things and this case was no different. Week after week, one squadron stood out among all others. The winner was determined based upon money raised and partic-

ipation rates. The weekly squadron winners were: 509th Comptroller Squadron, 509th Mission Support Squadron, 509th Communications Squadron, 393rd Bomb Squadron, Air Force Element – Command and General Staff College and 509th Medical Support Squadron. Other outstanding squadrons included: 509th Bomb Wing staff, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 509th MSS, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 509th Maintenance Squadron, 509th Operations Support Squadron and the 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron.

A "squadron of the year" winner was also selected based not only on money raised and participation level, but also the rank structure of participants.

This year's winner was the 509th Security Forces Squadron. The 509th SFS raised \$10,074 with a participation rate of 42 percent.

The average rank of the squadron is airman basic through senior airman. Thanks to our security forces members for proving that cops have big hearts.

A special thanks goes to all of this year's unit project officers as well. They did the leg work in this campaign, going around to members in their respective squadrons to get the word out about the campaign. Without the UPOs handing out flyers and collecting forms, speaking up at commander's calls, and keeping track of all the donations made, the campaign would never work. The success of this year's drive is a testament to their hard work and dedication.

Despite our success, it's important to remember the campaign isn't about setting or breaking goals, or seeing which base can raise the most money. Since day one, the focus of the campaign has been to show a "commitment to caring." Take pride in your compassion and commitment to take care of our own.

Through the four charities of the AFAF, thousands of Air Force members, dependents and widows are ensured a helping hand when they need it most. Whiteman exemplified the wingman concept through this year's campaign.



Photo by Maj. Joe DellaVedova

Col. Eric Single, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, hands Lt. Col. Charles Douglass, 509th Security Forces Squadron commander, the Air Force Assistance Fund Squadron of the Year award. The 509th SFS reached 195 percent of their goal, by raising more than \$10,000.

PROMOTIONS

75 Whiteman members promoted in April

Team Whiteman recognized April's promotees at a ceremony Monday at Mission's End. They are:

**AIRMEN**

Nathan White, 509th Comptroller Squadron
India Brinson, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Monica Pyle, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron
Jessica Forsythe, 509th Medical Operations Squadron
Heather Donaldson, 509th Security Forces Squadron
Lenora McIntier, 509th Services Squadron
Darrein Cornelius, 394th Combat Training Squadron

**AIRMEN 1ST CLASS**

Mark Decumen, **Daryl Duenas** and **Nicholas Sandoval**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Magen Baker, 509th Comptroller Squadron
Brandon Craig and **Kellan Gier**, 509th Maintenance Squadron
Lindsay Martin, 509th Operations Support Squadron
Jonathan Tweedy and **Kenneth Windows**, 509th

Security Forces Squadron

**SENIOR AIRMEN**

Chad Burk, **Donald Davison**, **Bruce Guillaume**, **Rinu Johny** and **Larry Salmon**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Brian Black, **Lee Fast**, **Tony Greene**, **Joseph Quinones**, **Michael Snyder** and **Jeremy Stover**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron
Maria De Leon, 509th Communications Squadron
Matthew Manfredi, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Curtis Sondag, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron
Bradley Couvillon, **Promise Hutton** and **Jeffrey Smith**, 509th Maintenance Squadron
Regis Graham, **Timothy Pollard** and **Jessica Snapp**, 509th Munitions Squadron
Robin Christie, 509th Operations Support Squadron
Travis Berry, **Benjamin Blackwell**, **Richard Brownlee**, **Alberto Cruz**, **Heather Jefferson**, **Michael Knudsen**, **Timothy Penn**, **Joshua Scott**, **Jason Welsh**, **Marcus Wheeler** and **Lucious Williams**, 509th Security Forces Squadron
Michelle Cardona, **German Romero** and **Corey Sherman**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

**STAFF SERGEANTS**

William Harvey and **Keturah Shrieves**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron
Brian Leverton, **Mario Salaiz** and **Byron Wise**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Steven Groesz, **Jared Orientale** and **James Rollins**, 509th Maintenance Squadron
Nicole Strawhand, 509th Medical Support Squadron
Albert Smith, 509th Operations Support Squadron
Moises Alhambra, 509th Services Squadron

**TECHNICAL SERGEANTS**

Jason Hermann, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Wesley Hockemeyer, 509th Communications Squadron
Jayson Baros, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron
Charles Taylor, 509th Maintenance Squadron
Mary Schmidt, 509th Medical Operations Squadron
Jeremy Marksmeier, 509th Security Forces Squadron
Kevin Marriott, 72nd Test And Evaluation Squadron

**MASTER SERGEANTS**

Tommy Parker, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Chad Hoagland, 509th Bomb Wing
David Neuman, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron
Clint Reinier, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron

**SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT**

Joseph Mach, 509th Maintenance Squadron

**CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT**

Robert Cooper, Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



Photo by Senior Airman Jason Barebo

Capt. Mark Taylor, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, and his daughter, Olivia, hand out bookmarks with blue ribbons at the Arnold Gate in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month. The family advocacy staff asks for everyone to support child abuse prevention by displaying a blue ribbon. For more information, call the family advocacy center at 687-4342.

Spotlight on *Child Abuse Prevention Month*

Did you know that each week, child protective services agencies throughout the United States receive more than 50,000 reports of suspected child abuse or neglect?

In fiscal year 2003, an estimated 2.9 million reports concerning the welfare of approximately 5.5 million children were made. In approximately 68 percent of these cases, the information provided in the report was sufficient to prompt an assessment or investigation. As a result of these investigations, approximately 906,000 children were found to have been victims of abuse or neglect.

An average of four children die every day as a result of child abuse or neglect — an estimated 1,500 children in 2003.

Children younger than one year accounted for 44 percent of all abuse-related deaths reported in 2003; more than 79 percent of those killed were 4 or younger.

Imagine coming home from the hospital with a new baby and having no family members nearby and no close ties to neighbors. Imagine these stresses compounded by financial worries and a job in jeopardy. The loneliness and stress would put a strain on the most loving parent and could cause parents to unintentionally neglect a child due to their own despair. Social isolation is common for new parents, often struggling to figure out how to juggle jobs and parenting. But, it doesn't have to be that way.

The new parent support program assist parents who are expecting and/or have children ages birth to 3 years old. Whiteman NPSP team members are ready to assist parents by providing services and education on prenatal health, child growth, development, healthcare, parenting, problem-solving skills, family member role adaptation, safety infant stimulation, and play. To obtain further information or sign up, call Diane McMullin at 687-4589.

The program is one of many positive-parenting services provided by the family advocacy staff. We have resources for parents of children of all ages. For further information, call Jeannine Johnson at 687-5520.

To report suspected child abuse between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays, call 687-4342. For emergencies and after duty hours call security forces at 687-3700. *(Courtesy of Whiteman Family Advocacy)*

Kansas City Royals

Military Appreciation Program

Aside from Opening Day, the largest event including military personnel at Kauffman Stadium will be "Military Appreciation Night" Aug. 5, when the Royals battle the Minnesota Twins at 6:10 p.m. The Royals will wear camouflage baseball caps to salute our men and women in uniform on this special night. In addition, the first 20,000 fans will receive their own Royals Camouflage Baseball Cap from AT&T, said Curt Nelson, Kansas City Royals marketing manager.

"We really appreciate the relationship we've been able to develop with our friends at Whiteman Air Force Base. We've come to rely on all of you to be part of our Opening Day celebration and we hope you can always rely on us for some family fun just up the highway," Mr. Nelson said. "Everyone at Whiteman is always welcome here at 'The K', and most importantly, thank you to each and everyone one of you for your service to our country." Overall there were 19,595 tickets provided through the program in 2005.



Senior Airman Chris Smith, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Tech. Sgt. Victor Ware, 393rd Bomb Squadron, and Airman 1st Class Amber Harless, 509th Security Forces Squadron, prepare to go out onto the field prior to the Kansas City Royal's opening day ceremonies Monday at Kauffman Stadium.



Second Lt. Meghan Liemburg-Archer, 13th Bomb Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Brandon Layman, 509th Communications Squadron, lead more than 30 Whiteman members off of the field after displaying the American flag during the opening day ceremonies Monday. The Kansas City Royals opened their season against the Detroit Tigers Monday with a 3-1 loss that featured three home runs. Pregame ceremonies included a B-2 fly-over, the base honor guard who presented the colors as country music sensation Sara Evans sang the National Anthem, and a 100-foot American flag that was unfurled by more than 30 Whiteman members.



Photographically enhanced by Airman 1st Class Jason Burton

The Kansas City Royals have announced a special Military Appreciation Ticket Program for the 2006 season. The program is designed to honor people in all branches of military service, including the National Guard. Active duty and retired military members and their families will receive free admission to any Sunday-Thursday home game during the season. To get free tickets through the Military Appreciation Ticket Program, the following rules apply:

- Individuals must possess a valid military ID. Tickets are limited to the individual and up to three military members.
- Tickets are available for all Sunday-Thursday home games, based on availability. However, playoffs and the 1-70 Series against the St. Louis Cardinals are not available.
- Tickets will be distributed only on game days at the guest ticket window located on the home plate side of Kauffman Stadium. The window opens 90 minutes before all Sunday-Thursday games.



Whiteman members roll up a 100-foot American flag after it was displayed during pre-game festivities.

Defending the net



Photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Padden

Dustin Remmenga, number 15 of the 509th Bomb Wing, jumps to defend the net against against William Frost, number 9, and Jason Oster, number 20, both from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, during a volleyball tournament at the fitness center.

Safari pediatrics



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett

Kimberly Rehbock, step-daughter of Darren McCrory, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, has her temperature taken by Tamara Mahan, 509th Medical Operations Squadron licensed practical nurse, during a routine check-up at the pediatric clinic Tuesday. The Pediatrics clinic recently had a renovation, which included the painting of four examination rooms and two procedure rooms, spearheaded by, Tech. Sergeant Devin Sheets, 509th MDOS. “Now kids visit their health care provider and are happy to climb up onto the lion, elephant, hippo or dinosaur exam tables. They chatter about the hanging monkeys, the circus bus, or the alligator in the pond. This excitement takes a little bit of fear out of their clinic visit,” said Capt. Tami Laco, 509th MDOS

Team Whiteman
Community

Youth sports coaches needed

Coaches are needed for youth T-Ball and coach-pitch teams. No experience is necessary.

With just 2-3 hours a week you can make a real difference to children ages kindergarten-4th grade. You can help children improve their confidence, team work and social skills as well as learn the basic skills needed for baseball.

The season starts at the end of April with the first game in mid-May. If you would like to help, pick up a packet from the youth center offices in the community center 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday or from the teen center during business hours 3-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Friday 3-10 p.m. and Saturday 3 p.m.-midnight.

All coaches need to undergo a training session within two weeks before coaching. The next session is 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday at the community center; alternative times can be arranged as necessary. Inexperienced coaches will be placed with more experienced individuals wherever possible.

Active duty, spouses and DoD civilians are all welcome to volunteer.
For more details, call 687-5586.

Earn degree from DeVry

Persons interested in obtaining a bachelor's degree in Network Systems Administration are encouraged to attend one of three briefings scheduled for Wednesday at the base education center. A DeVry University representative will conduct informational briefings at 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The representative will also be on hand to provide information concerning DeVry's scholarship programs offered to active duty military and spouses.

Please call 687-5750 to make reservations as space is limited.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for more details on these family support center activities.

Pre-retirement briefing set

A pre-retirement briefing for people retiring from the military begins at 8 a.m. Monday.

For more information, call the military

personnel flight at 687-1500 or 687-6720.

Service connected
disability program

A Veteran's Affairs counselor briefing 12:30 p.m. Monday targets individuals being separated due to a service-connected disability, those being medically discharged and those who suspect they have a service-connected disability. Reservations are required.

WIC representative visits base

A WIC representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and children who have nutritional needs.

For more details, call the WIC office in Warrensburg at 747-2012.

Seminar teaches spouses about
military

Heart Link begins at 8 a.m. Wednesday. Learn about the mission, customs, protocol, and support resources and services available from the experts.

Lunch and child monitoring provided on-site. Reservation required.

Pre-deployment briefing set

A mandatory pre-deployment briefing for people who are deploying or going on a temporary duty assignment for more than 30 days begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

This briefing covers information about preparing for deployment and programs available to family members who are left behind. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Resume class set

A class designed to help spouses and retirees write a resume will be offered Wednesday 6 p.m., at the FSC. Call for reservations.

Class helps with move

A mandatory smooth move seminar for people planning to move overseas in the near future begins at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Facilitators will discuss the financial benefits associated with moving and provide a variety of useful resources.

PCS orders are not necessary. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Reservations are required.

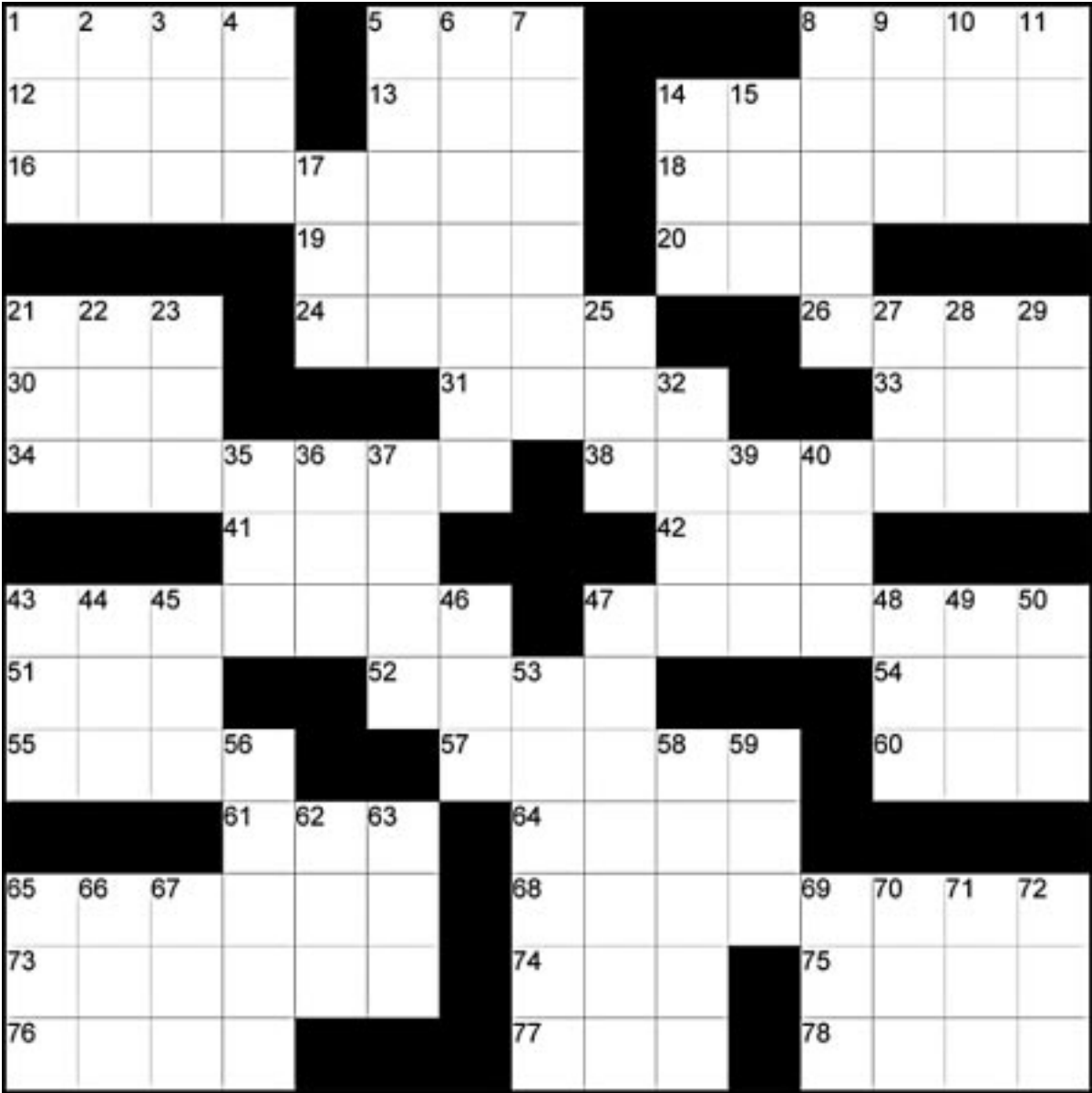
Acronym buster part two

By Capt. Tony Wickman

71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Across

1. Tex-Mex menu item
5. SECDEF's office symbol
8. Mil. acronym for base openings, closings
12. Muddy up
13. Actress Zadora
14. Bastion
16. Ramstein, Aviano and Osan
18. Snakes
19. Lattice work
20. Fall mon.
21. USAF org. for DEERS support
24. Performed
26. Fencing tool
30. USAF requirements document; ____ 36-2903, etc.
31. ____ of responsibility
33. USAF officer work appraisal
34. Stymies
38. Public ____ Office
41. Actress and director Lupino
42. Chum
43. Term for placing food in a trap
47. Burned
51. Have pain
52. Vaulted recess
54. Flying method used by USAF pilots
55. Type of PJ jump
57. Top USAF civilian
60. Mil. broadcast station
61. German city
64. Opera highlight
65. Compensates
68. Texas town
73. USAF HQ echelon
74. William B. Hartsfield International Airport locale
75. Tool found in 29 DOWN
76. Adorable
77. Formerly



DOWN

1. Scheduling acronym
2. Actress Landry
3. Mongrel
4. Sphere
5. Mil. acronym for protecting information
6. Naps
7. One of Santa's reindeer
8. Cop's uniform item
9. Acronym for a road
10. Part of USAF
11. USAF org. to support a CC
14. Danger posed to aircraft
15. Mil. uniform



March 31 solutions

17. Dr.'s org.
21. Angry
22. USAF WAPS study guide
23. Tree type
25. Fed. drug org.
27. Hawaiian food
28. USAF enlisted work appraisal
29. Work locations for 17 DOWN
32. USAF org. home to military records
35. Army equivalent to USAF tech. school
36. Dictator Amin Dada
37. Actress Turner
39. Fed. org. concerned with flight travel
40. Everything
43. Mil. pay entitlement
44. USAF intel org.
45. Sick
46. Tracking method for GBUs
47. Conceal
48. DoD intel org.
49. Santa's helper
50. Mil. phone network
53. USN person
56. Weight measurement
58. Passageway
59. Website section, perhaps
62. Zodiac sign
63. USAF award above AFCOM
65. One of 73 ACROSS
66. Greek letter
67. USAF acronym for learning at work
69. An EOD concern
70. Fed. taxing org.
71. __ Kwon Do
72. Hurricane center



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 details of all upcoming events, pho-
 tographs, facility information and the
 Services Connection magazine.

Sports & Recreation

Fitness Center 687-5496

Beat the heat

Get a four-person team together for the beat the heat
 20K set for 7:30 a.m. April 14 at the Royal Oaks Golf
 Course. Run the whole 20K individually or divide it up
 between team members. Sign up at the fitness center; reg-
 istration starts at 7 a.m. on race day. Don't forget to
 reward yourself with breakfast at the club house after the
 run!

Outdoor Recreation and Information, Tickets and Travel 687-5565

Crappie tournament

Stop by outdoor recreation for tournament rules and to
 register for the first crappie tournament of the season. The
 tournament takes place 7:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m. April 22 at
 Long Shoals Marina, Mo. The cost is \$25 per boat - one-
 or two-person teams. Sign up by April 14 to avoid \$5 late
 fee. Prize fund based on the number of entries, 1st-30 per-
 cent, 2nd-25 percent, 3rd-20 percent, big crappie-15 per-
 cent.

OURDOOR REC PRESENTS...

Fantastic Caverns

April 29
 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

... America's Ride-Through Cave

This 50-minute guided tour follows an ancient under-
 ground riverbed filled with massive formations. The cave stays
 a comfortable 60 degrees year-round.

Please bring sturdy hiking shoes for a short hike down to the
 springs after the tour. In addition, either bring a sack lunch or
 plan to buy lunch in Springfield.

Cost: \$23 per person
 Children age 12 & under: \$15 each
 Sign up Deadline: April 24



687-5565

For additional Services events, visit
www.whitemanservices.com



Royal Oaks 687-5573

Breakfast is back!

Set yourself up for a day on the course or just at work
 with the Royal Oaks breakfast. Breakfast burritos, Egg
 MacDuffins, or The Works - bacon, eggs, toast and hash
 browns are served 7-10 a.m. daily.

Free golf!

Purchase any adult entree at the Royal Oaks Steak
 House before April 30 and receive a free round of golf.
 The steak house is open 5-8 p.m. every Friday and Sat-
 urday. No reservation required.

Stars and Strikes 687-5114

Saturday night color pin

Color pin starts 7 p.m. every Saturday at the Stars and
 Strikes. \$15 to enter, jackpots and \$1-\$5 prizes, game
 prizes (9-pin no tap). Just come along and play for a great
 night of bowling.

Mission's End 687-4422

Closure

Mission's End will not serve lunch today due to the
 Mighty Guardian afterparty.

Prime rib buffet

Savor a club speciality, slow roasted prime rib with
 potato, rice, vegetables, salad bar, dessert and drink. Buffet
 takes place 5-8 p.m. April 14 and the cost is \$12.95 for
 members and \$14.95 for nonmembers.

Easter brunch

Give the bunny a break and enjoy a relaxing brunch
 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 16, at Mission's End. Bacon, sausage,
 pancakes, waffles, fruit and all your breakfast favorites
 will be served. The cost is \$10.95 for adults, \$8.95 for chil-
 dren ages 6-16 and \$2 for children aged 5 or under. Club
 members receive a \$2 discount.

Community Activities

Arts and Crafts Center 687-5691

Scrapbooking sale

20 percent discount off all scrapbooking materials
 throughout April.

Jewelry work day

Refresh your jewelry skills with a work day, 7-9 p.m.
 Thursday at arts and crafts. The cost is \$15 plus sup-
 plies, sign up by noon Wednesday.

Stained glass class

Create a beautiful stained glass panel in the open-
 enrollment, six-week, Thursday night classes at the arts
 and crafts center. The class meets 6-9 pm and costs \$45
 plus supplies. Last chance to start before the fall is April
 20. Sign up one day prior to attending your first class.

Community Center 687-5617

Let go of my Legos

Children aged 4- to 15-years-old can bring their own
 Lego or use the community center's supplies to build a
 masterpiece. The event takes place 1-3 p.m. Saturday at
 the community center. The children will be divided into
 age groups and prizes for first place in each group will
 be awarded. The cost is \$2 per child.

Wind wonders

Can the wind help you have fun? Children ages 5-10
 years old are invited to find out, 2-3:30 p.m. April 15 at
 the community center. A fun afternoon of kites, pin-
 wheels and 'copters followed by a free family movie at 4
 p.m. Wind wonders costs \$1 per participant.

Teen Center 687-5819

Spring break bash

Free party in the park to celebrate the arrival of
 spring. For ages 9-18, the party takes place noon-4 p.m.
 April 14 behind the privately owned vehicle lot. Volley-
 ball, horseshoes, flag football, fishing and prizes. The
 teen center will be closed during this event.

Space camp

Apply by April 15 for the chance to join the 2006
 Space Camp. The camp is open to ages 12-18 who are
 family members of active duty, Air Force retired mili-
 tary, Air Force civilian employees and active Air Nation-
 al Guard and Air Force Reserve members. The camp
 takes place July 31-August 4 at the U.S. Space and
 Rocket Center, Huntsville, Ala. Call or stop by the youth
 center offices in the community center for details.

Youth Center 687-5586

Bump City field trip

Join the youth center on a field trip for 6-12 year olds
 to Bump City, Blue Springs, Mo. The trip takes place
 5-10 p.m. April 21 and costs \$10 for members and \$12
 for nonmembers. Sign up opens Monday prior to the
 trip. The teen center will be closed during this event.

Ditch, hit and run competition

Major League baseball is conducting a grassroots
 search for 7- to 14-year-olds with the finest core baseball
 skills. Whiteman's competition takes place 10 a.m.-noon
 April 22 at the youth baseball fields. Winners have the
 chance to progress to the sectional, team championship
 and national levels of competition. Free to enter, sign up
 by April 14.

Family Child Care 687-1180

FCC Orientation Class

Become a family child care provider with training
 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. April 10-14. Providers with chronic health
 problems are accepted. The program needs providers who
 are willing to care for children during swing and evening
 shifts and children with special needs. Stop by the office
 to register.

Base Residents

Quality child care for military families is an important
 concern. Guidelines in Air Force Instruction 34-276, Fam-
 ily Child Care Programs, requires anyone providing in-
 home care for 10 hours (total for all children in care) or
 more a week on a regular basis to be licensed. If you are
 currently unlicensed, you must cease care and apply for a
 family child care license. Call for more details.

Child Development Center 687-5588

Parent's night out

The child development center is available to care for
 children ages 6 weeks- to 12-years-old 6:30-10:30 p.m.
 April 21. The cost is \$12. Reservations required by April
 19. Call for details.

Library 687-5614

Story time

Story time for pre-schoolers takes place every Wednes-
 day at 10 a.m. when 3-to 5-year-olds can listen to a story
 or take part in a craft activity at the library. There is also
 the library's dial-a-story program with a new story every
 week. Available 24 hours-a-day by calling 687-6255.

Earth Day 2006

Celebrate Earth Day 2006, 11 a.m.-noon, April 22 in
 the library's periodical room. Do you have a favorite
 environmental reading, poem or story - about nature, con-
 servation, preservation, environmental problems or other
 environmental themes? If so, please bring it along to
 share with the other participants. Neil Bass, 509th Civil
 Engineer Squadron will serve as the program's facilitator
 as well as bring other reading material for the program
 participants to discuss.

Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

Doggie diets

You might think that a couple of extra pounds on your
 pup isn't a big deal, but you'd be wrong. An extra five
 pounds on a dog that should weigh 17 pounds is similar to
 an extra 50 pounds on a person who should weigh 170
 pounds. Obesity is associated with heart and respiratory
 problems, diabetes, skeletal stress and gastrointestinal dis-
 orders in pets.

If you think your dog may be overweight or you have
 pet nutrition questions, check with the veterinary clinic,
 who can give you advice on a proper diet and exercise
 program.

Movie Schedule

7 p.m. Friday

Freedomland R
 Starring-Julianne Moore and Samuel L. Jackson

7 p.m. Saturday

Eight Below PG
 Starring-Paul Walker and Jason Briggs

3 p.m. Sunday

Date Movie PG-13
 Starring-Alyson Hannigan and Adam Campbell

Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75
 Movie Recording Line: 687-5110
 Movies subject to change due to availability.